

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently amended) A workflow ~~project management~~ system, comprising:
a form route manager for receiving and sending email according to a route, the
route comprising a step-by-step sequence of email addresses, ~~and communicating with~~
~~a project management system~~, wherein the form route manager includes:

an in-box adapted to receive email;

a first sequencer adapted to as follows:

compare a step field of the email with the route,

define the next email address based on the compare,

update the email address to the next email address,

update the step field to the next step; and

an out-box adapted to send email to the next email address, ~~wherein the project~~
~~management system sends a message at a project segment to the form route manager~~
~~to initiate workflow on the route.~~

2. (Currently amended) A workflow ~~project management~~ system, comprising:
a form route manager for receiving and sending email according to a route, the
route comprising a step-by-step sequence of email addresses[,] ~~and communicating~~
~~with a project management system~~ and a project to role to email address table, wherein
the form route manager includes:

an in-box adapted to receive email;

a first sequencer adapted to as follows:

compare a step field of the email with the route,

define the next email address based on the compare,

update the email address to the next email address,

update the step field to the next step; and

an out-box adapted to send email to the next email address, ~~and wherein the~~
~~form route manager sends a message to the project management system at a project~~
~~segment.~~

1 3. (Currently amended) The workflow project management system of claim [1
2 or] 2, wherein the ~~message includes the time the message was sent~~ email includes a
3 project control field with a value that permits selection of a project in the project to role
4 to email address table.

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6 4. (Currently amended) The workflow project management system of claim 1 or
7 2, wherein the ~~message~~ email contains a segment project identifier.

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9 5. (Currently amended) The workflow project management system of claim 1 or
10 2, wherein ~~a workflow~~ the route is associated with a project segment.

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12 6. (Currently amended) The workflow project management system of claim 2,
13 wherein the ~~project management system calculates the project schedule based on the~~
14 ~~message~~ email includes a project control field with a value that permits selection of a
15 plurality of email addresses in the project to role to email address table.

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17 7. (Currently amended) The workflow project management system of claim 4 ~~or~~
18 ~~2, wherein the message is an email message~~ 3, further comprising an organization table
19 mapping persons in the organization table to the roles in the project to role to email
20 address table.

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22 8. (Currently amended) The workflow project management system of claim 1 or
23 2, wherein a workflow is initiated when a project segment is initiated or completed.

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26 31. (New) The workflow system of claim 1, wherein the form route manager
27 communicates with a project management system and wherein the project management
28 system sends a message at a project segment to the form route manager to initiate
29 workflow on the route.
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1 32. (New) A workflow system, comprising:
2 a form route manager for receiving and sending email according to a route, the
3 route comprising a step-by-step sequence of email addresses and for communicating
4 with a project management system, wherein the form route manager includes:
5 an in-box adapted to receive email;
6 a first sequencer adapted to as follows:
7 compare a step field of the email with the route,
8 define the next email address based on the compare,
9 update the email address to the next email address,
10 update the step field to the next step; and
11 an out-box adapted to send email to the next email address, wherein the form
12 route manager sends a message to the project management system at a project
13 segment.

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15 33. (New) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein the message
16 includes the time the message was sent.

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18 34. (New) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein the message
19 contains a segment identifier.

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21 35. (New) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein a workflow route is
22 associated with a project segment.

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24 36. (New) The workflow system of claim 32, wherein the project management
25 system calculates the project schedule based on the message.

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27 37. (New) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein the message is an
28 email message.

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30 38. (New) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein a workflow is initiated
when a project segment is initiated or completed.